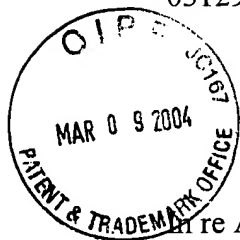


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REQUEST FOR RETURN OF FORMS PTO-1449

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Allowance dated February 11, 2003, in the above-referenced application. The Issue Fee is due May 11, 2004, and has not yet been paid.

In the interim, Applicants respectfully request return of the initialed Information Disclosure

Citation Forms (Forms PTO-1449) from the following seven Information Disclosure Statements:

- ✓ • Twelfth IDS, date-stamped January 16, 2004, citing eleven (11) documents,
- ✓ • Electronically-filed IDS, date-stamped June 30, 2003 (EFS ID: 42679), citing three (3) documents,
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- ✓ • Supplemental IDS, date-stamped May 13, 2003, citing eight (8) documents,

- ✓. Electronically-filed IDS, date-stamped May 8, 2003 (EFS ID: 26845), citing one (1) document,
- ✓. Supplemental IDS, date-stamped April 14, 2003, citing four (4) documents, and
- ✓. Electronically-filed IDS, date-stamped April 4, 2003 (EFS ID: 25695), citing fourteen (14) documents.

Date-stamped copies of each of these papers obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system, reflecting the date each was received by the USPTO (MPEP 505), are enclosed. Copies of the foreign and non-patent documents cited thereon are also enclosed.

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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TWELFTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FORMAL MATTERS

Accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement is a check for \$180.00 to cover the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p). Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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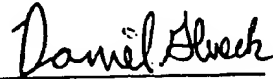
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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